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Carolyn Willmore photo

Colonial Color Guard members (from left) William Grote, Ed Morris, Bill Groth and John Rush stand at attention in front of Washington's statue during the annual wreath-laying ceremony.

Birthday on ice

Despite cold weather, Daughters of the American Revolution celebrate Washington's birthday with annual wreath ceremony

By Carolyn Willmore
Lafayette Square

President's Day seems to fall on the coldest day of the year, and this year was no exception. Several inches of new snow blanketed the ground and temperatures were below freezing, but the cold weather did not deter the Cornelia Greene Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from celebrating Washington's birthday in Lafayette Park. Its wreath-laying ceremony has been a yearly tradition since 1963.

The Lafayette Park Conservancy hosted a reception before the ceremony in the Park House, providing hot chocolate, coffee and a warm place to gather. The period costumes of the Colonial Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution added color to event. The men are members of the Eastern Missouri Continental Color Guard Company of MOSSAR. Pamela Davis, regent of the Cornelia Green Chapter, cut a cake topped with a photograph of the Washington statue.

Because it was so cold, most of the program was held in the Park House. Pamela Davis welcomed everybody and

introduced honored guests. William Davis, national vice president of the Great Plains Region of NSCAR, led the group in the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Rev. Aaron Ban of Lafayette Park United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

June Lanz, honorary State Regent MSSDAR and past vice president general of NSDAR, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Nora Zimmer, midwest district director of MSSDAR, led the American's Creed. Dianne Borgman, state corresponding secretary of MSSDAR, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the state of Missouri. McGraw Milhaven of KTRS Talk Radio was the guest speaker. This part of the program ended with a benediction by Rev. Ban.

The group processed to Washington's statue for the wreath-laying ceremony. The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, under the direction of Stephen Baldwin, headed the procession and posted the Colors. Lemira Parks, state regent of MSSDAR, placed a red, white and blue wreath at the base of Washington's statue. Pamela Davis played "Taps." After a few closing remarks, the Colors were retired.

Marquis seeks submissions from neighborhood

By Kara Krekeler
Marquis editor

It has recently come to my attention that many of you are concerned about this newspaper's content — that there are too few articles about what really matters to your neighborhood, that the front page should have articles about and photos of Lafayette Square instead of information about statewide energy policies and photos of houses in Olivette.

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April Marquis Deadline:
Wednesday, April 14

I've heard your complaints, and I agree with you. The content of the *Marquis* needs to change. It needs to be refocused on Lafayette Square and its surrounding neighborhoods. After all, this is your newspaper.

But in order for that change to happen, I need your help.

Let me give you a bit of background. For over five years, the LSRC has contracted with Virginia Publishing to publish the *Marquis*. During that time, it has always been the policy of the *Marquis* to accept article submissions from Lafayette Square residents. In fact, the neighborhood is the sole source of news for the *Marquis*; as editor, my job is to compile, copyedit and lay out submissions, not to write them.

For several of those years, the arrangement worked out well, with Lafayette Square residents submitting everything from detailed articles about the aftermath of the Praxair explosion to standalone photos of ducks on the shores of the Lafayette Park lake.

Recently, however, the number of submissions has dropped off significantly and I have been forced to fill space with articles and photos from the *West End Word*, another Virginia Publishing newspaper for which I am editor. I don't like doing it — just as I know you don't like reading those articles — but I think we can

all agree that they are better than blank pages.

So here's what you can do to make the *Marquis* better: send me articles and photos. Does your organization have a big fundraiser coming up? Write an article about it. Are spring flowers starting to pop their way through the snow? Take a snapshot. Did your daughter land a starring role in an upcoming Munny show? Write a profile of her (or, if you don't want to sound like you're tooting your own horn, ask a neighbor to do it).

I am always on the lookout for good strong photos and articles for the front page, and by strong, I mean long — a good front-page article is about 600 words or more, and the best ones feature quotes from the parties involved in the story, whether they're house tour volunteers or your neighbors working in the community garden.

Inside articles can be shorter, but anything shorter than 200 words or so is incredibly difficult to work with in the layout process. (Imagine a headline three times the size of the corresponding article, and you'll get the idea.)

Thanks to the new Lafayette Square Gateway (which is described in detail in Linda Skinner's article on page 2), there's another option for submitting articles and photos by visiting <http://lafayettesqr.com/NewsDesk>.

In order to do so, you'll have to register with the site, but once you do, you'll have access to detailed photo and article submission guidelines, and a full schedule of *Marquis* deadlines and publication dates, as well as another communication link with your neighbors in the Square.

No matter which way you choose to submit your articles and photos, don't forget to check the deadline, which is always printed in the lower left-hand corner of the front page. All deadlines for 2010 are also listed on the *Marquis* calendar on the Gateway.

Bottom line: the *Marquis* can't survive without you. So put on your thinking caps, tell your neighbors and get writing. Hopefully by working together, we can make the *Marquis* a true neighborhood newspaper.

If you have any questions about the *Marquis* on the Gateway, contact Jennifer Weston at NewsDesk@Lafayettesqr.com. Jennifer will be monitoring the submissions on the Gateway to make sure everything that needs to be covered will get a mention in the *Marquis*.

If you have editorial questions, feel free to call me at 367-6612, ext. 30, or send me an e-mail at kara@westendword.com. I am more than willing to answer any questions you have.

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LSRC hopes Gateway will serve as model

By Linda Skinner
 LSRC President

Many exciting things are happening in Lafayette Square. Some of you may have heard about the Lafayette Square Gateway that is now in use. The Gateway is a portal of information used to connect residents of the neighborhood. Cate Hall conducted a naming contest for our neighborhood trademark name. Two residents, Mary Kay Jung and Joe McIver, both came up with the winning name "SquareShare," so the official name is "The Lafayette Square Gateway — SquareShare."

There were so many creative and wonderful name submissions that we have decided to use one of them in the e-commerce section of the Gateway. Gwen Williams submitted the name "The SquareList" and we think it works well as part of our e-commerce area. Many thanks to Cate Hall and all those who submitted entries.

The Gateway has been a huge help in organizing the neighborhood watch patrol schedule. The Gateway is also being used to manage events, such as house tours, concerts and movies in the park. Other uses

include Park House/pavilion rentals, beautification, communication, document storage, photo sharing, e-commerce and submitting articles for the *Marquis*.

There will eventually be a section for neighborhood businesses to use that will enable them to publicize things such as their menus, items they sell and services. The e-commerce site will not only be used for paying LSRC membership dues and Park House/pavilion rental fees, it will also house a Lafayette Square merchandise store. The e-commerce site will also include a section to post items for sale or wanted, as well as a section for residents to give reviews of service workers.

Many details are yet to be worked out, but I have a vision of Lafayette Square becoming a template for our surrounding neighborhoods and beyond. I hope all readers will check out the Gateway at <http://lafayettesqr.com>, and if you are a resident of Lafayette Square I encourage you to join. If you have an idea or question about the Gateway, please email Steve Skinner, LSRC VP of Community Affairs, at sskinner@lafayettesqr.com. Your input is what will make our SquareShare valuable.

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It is the goal of this publication and those who support it to bring you the news about your neighborhood each month. This is your news, and we want to do our best to bring it to you in the most accurate and professional manner possible. So if you have something you'd like us to include, feel free to contact us. We're always happy to accept article submissions, photos, press releases or story ideas from anywhere in our coverage area, and we'll do our best to include them.

As your community newspaper, we want your contributions and input. So keep us informed and we'll do the same for you.

— Kara Krekeler, editor
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March safety tips

As the weather warms up and more people walk or run outdoors for exercise, keep these things in mind:

- PLAN your outing. Always tell a family member or friend where you are going and when you will return. Let them

know what your favorite exercise routes are.

- KNOW where telephones are located along the course, or carry a cellular phone with you.

- TAKE ID with you, but don't take jewelry or cash.

Barr Branch gears up for spring

Spring is coming...someday!

We at Barr Branch Library cannot wait for spring, so we are spending our time thinking about all the things that will be growing outside before we know it. A large collection of new books about gardening has arrived, including:

- *The Cook's Herb Garden* by Jeff Cox and Marie-Pierre Moine
- *Talking Dirt: The Dirt Diva's Down-to-Earth Guide to Organic Gardening* by Annie Spiegelman

- *The Ultimate Practical Guide to Pruning and Training* by Richard Bird

- *Healthy Soils for Sustainable Gardens* from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, edited by Niall Dunne

- *Homegrown Vegetables, Fruits, and Herbs: A Bountiful, Healthful Garden for Lean Times* by Jim Wilson

- *The New Encyclopedia of Hostas* by Diana Grenfell and Michael Shadrack

Stop by to take a look at these and other new titles. Next month: cookbooks!

Barr Branch Public Library upcoming events

MARCH

15 Wild About Reading. The St. Louis Zoo presents a read-aloud program for all ages. We'll read three stories featuring animal characters, then meet the live animals from the stories.

Each family will receive a tote bag for library books and helpful handouts to encourage family reading. Check out five animal books and receive additional prizes. Program sponsored by Target. Pre-school to third grade, families. 11 a.m. to noon.

17 PAWS for Reading. Judi Cunningham and dog Harry from Support Dogs Inc. visit Barr. Grades K-7. 4-5 p.m.

18 Family Movie: *Howl's Moving Castle*. Families. 4-6 p.m.

22 Storytime. Stories, songs and more. Groups of five or more register in advance.

Toddler/preschool. 11-11:30 a.m.

24 PAWS for Reading. Judi Cunningham and dog Harry from Support Dogs Inc. visit Barr. Grades K-7. 4-5 p.m.

25 Creative Kids: Painted Eggs. Groups of five or more register in advance. Grades K-5. 4-5 p.m.

30 Karaoke. Grades 6-12. 4-6 p.m.

31 PAWS for Reading. Judi Cunningham and dog Harry from Support Dogs Inc. visit Barr. Grades K-7. 4-5 p.m.

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Volunteers needed for leading Blitz day

By Linda Weiner
Lafayette Square

Quote of the month

Love of gardening is a seed that once sown, never dies.
— Gertrude Jekyll

Operation Brightside blitz day is coming in April

I know it doesn't seem like spring is just a few weeks away but it is true!

Our annual Operation Brightside Blitz is coming on April 10. This is the morning we gather all our neighbors together for a giant neighborhood spruce-up, inside our park, along our alleys and in all of our public spaces.

We also get to toss out a lot of the junk in our basements after determining that they can't be recycled in a "greener" way. If anyone knows some sites for recycling, e-mail me and I'll pass the word.

If you'd like to volunteer to organize your block to spruce up, e-mail me at Linderweiner@prodigy.net or call me at 621-7071 and I'll get you started with doorhangers to announce the event and equipment to carry it out, such as brooms, bags, mulch and gloves.

There will also be a follow-up of marigolds and dianthus to plant on public spaces!

Boathouse roof challenge raises \$1,100

We send a "thank you" to all who stepped up to meet the \$1,000 Boathouse roof challenge!

Thanks go to Ward Buckner, Tom and Lynn Keay, Linda Pallman, Cath-

erine Hamlin, Terry and Sue Linhardt, Diana Gray, Glen Eckert, Ella and Lou Heigham, Mitchell and Devyani Hunt, Chelia Holmes, John Emery, Dennis and Edie Lubeck, Steve and Linda Skinner, Norman Schofield, Paul Anderson, Robert Hamilton, Kacie Starr Triplett, Cynthia McCarthy, Andy Hahn, John Herlihy and a generous anonymous contributor.

More developments on the Boathouse roof will be forthcoming.

Thanks to all of our great neighbors!

Mission complete: Community orchard on Dolman pruned

Our hats, gloves and mufflers are off to Cheryl Duft, Doug Fish and other volunteers who participated in the tree pruning at the community orchard on Dolman, a long overdue task, completed in the cold of winter!

Most of the debris is in the green dumpster, but please contact Cheryl at cherylduft@charter.net to refill the bin by assisting in branch cut-up on some nice day. When the heck will that be?

Community garden update

The Lafayette Square Community Garden will be enjoying five new beds to be built this spring, bringing the total to 36 beds and about 57 gardeners, including partners, spouses, neighbors and kids sharing many of the beds.

More exciting news is that Steve Skinner is helping us build a garden portal through the Lafayette Square website so that neighbors can access information, sign up and communicate online. Wow! This is a dream come true! Thank you, Steve!

House tour set for June 5-6; volunteers needed

By Ian Stallman
Lafayette Square

It's that time of year again! Snow is melting, birds are chirping and the Lafayette Square Spring House and Garden Tour is just around the corner. The neighborhood's yearly marquee event is only three short months away.

This year's spring tour will be held June 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. We are busy lining up a fresh set of wonderful homes and gardens for the tour. The usual events — vintage base ball tournament, antiques on the park, carriage rides, etc. — will all be taking place again.

I want to take this early opportunity to publicly thank all of my neighbors who have stepped up to assist with the planning for this year's tour. Spring is usually a busy time of year for all of us, and I appreciate each of you giving up your valuable time and energy to support the neighborhood. The biggest thank you goes to the homeowners who have graciously agreed to open their homes and gardens.

Of course, we still need more homes and gardens for the tour! Please contact Merry Dahms or me if you or someone you know is interested. Do not be shy — we need homes of all sizes and decors, and this may just give you the motivation to finish that "last" project you have been putting off.

For those of you who have not volunteered yet, fear not — there are plenty of opportunities to still help out. In advance of the tour, Linda Weiner will be needing assistance beautifying the park and other areas of the neighborhood. Don't forget

to participate with Operation Brightside's blitz weekend this spring.

We will need volunteers to help man the phone lines for pre-tour ticket sales. We will need volunteers to sell tickets and docent homes during the tour. Newcomers to the neighborhood, you will find that stepping up to help with house tours is one of the easiest, most pleasant ways to start getting involved with the LSRC.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping in any way. I can be reached at 610-7103 or ianstallman@yahoo.com, or catch me at the next LSRC meeting.



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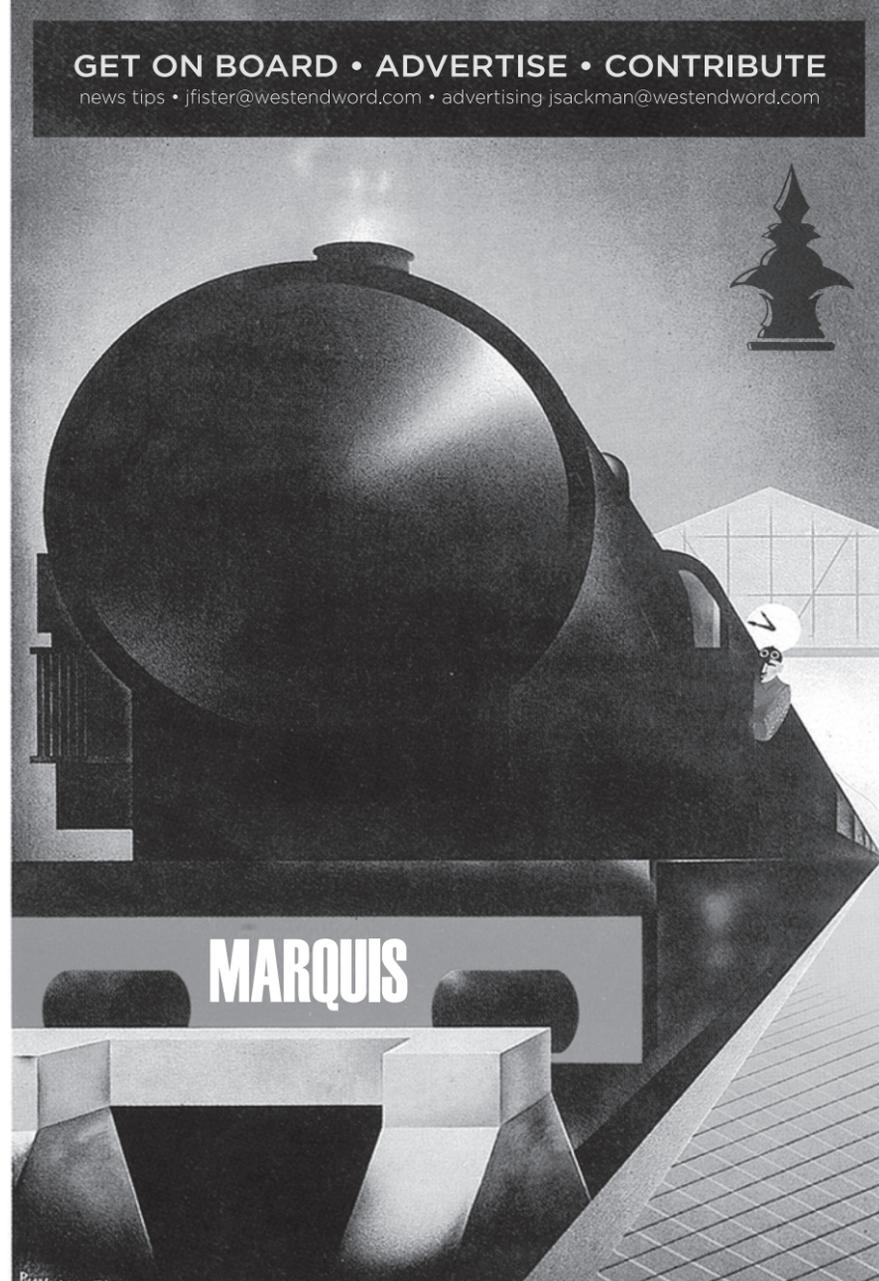


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Progressive dinner returns Park Conservancy update

By Mary Visintainer
Lafayette Square

Back by popular demand, the Lafayette Square "Almost Annual" Progressive Dinner will take place this spring on May 8. The money raised from the progressive dinner will be used for safety and night patrol funding of the police substation.

Several talented cooks have already volunteered their homes for this evening, but the committee is still in need of a few entrée homes. To volunteer your home and culinary skills, call Kathy at 588-9004, Mary at 865-4954 or Suzanne Sessions at 771-8646.

If you prefer to be a guest, the evening will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers and drinks at one of four lovely homes in the Square. Next, you can walk around the Park to meet more neighbors at one of 10 homes for delicious entrees and scintillating conversation. The evening will end with everyone meeting for dessert in one beautiful home in the Square.

The cost is \$50 per person for the evening. To make a reservation by phone, contact Kathy Marks-Petit at 588-9004 or mail the registration form in this edition of the *Marquis* to Mary.

This event sells out quickly so make a reservation today.

By Bob Bischoff
Lafayette Park Conservancy

Flora Conservancy

Volunteers have been busy this winter at the city greenhouses in Forest Park, raising plants for Lafayette Park gardens and for the LPC plant sale. The Parks Department provides us with all the materials and space needed to grow the thousands of annual and perennial plants with which we landscape. Thanks also to the Flora Conservancy of Forest Park, which gave us seeds, plants and bulbs for our park. Coming soon: a schedule of gardening dates on our website for those who want to help maintain park plantings.

Pathway restoration

We have just received word from the Whitaker Foundation that they are awarding us a grant of \$75,000 to help restore and resurface the pathways in Lafayette Park, which have deteriorated over the decades into some ugly surfaces and sinkholes. This grant will also help build a more accessible path across the grotto bridge, and provide more defined edging around the beds near the Washington Statue. Thanks, Whitaker!

Third annual LPC plant sale

The Conservancy will hold its third annual plant sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 5 and 6. You will find us near the Park House at the corner of Mississippi and Lafayette avenues. Proceeds from the sale will be used to beautify Lafayette Park. If you can spare some time to help with the plant sale, please call Susan at 231-5367.

Boathouse challenge

An anonymous donor offered \$1,000 to help repair the boathouse roof if the LPC could raise an equal amount through additional donations. We actually raised \$1,250 more, for a total of \$2,250, which will be added to the boathouse repair

fund. But the roof in bad shape! We still need 25,000 more to begin work on this critical project.

Playground

Approval has been given by the Lafayette Park Implementation Advisory Board and the City Parks Department to paint the swing set frames and change out four of the more brightly colored plastic components on the playground. Private funding is in place and the exchange will be done during warm weather this spring.

History walks

The Lafayette Park Conservancy will conduct a walking tour of the Park once a month, beginning in April. This is your chance to learn its fascinating history. Tours will start at the Park House. Look for details in the next issue of the *Marquis*.

Rock garden irrigation

St. Louis Master Gardeners awarded a \$500 grant to help fund an irrigation system for the rock garden on the west side of the park. Volunteers who have struggled with hoses and sprinklers during the summer months for many years will be very happy once the system is in place!

Tree maintenance

Following the tree maintenance plan jointly funded last year by the LPC and the Missouri Department of Conservation, city forestry removed 25 trees in late February and early March that were designated as dying or dangerous. Although that still leaves some 750 trees in Lafayette Park (which is more heavily forested than Forest Park), a few of the ones removed were large, magnificent, dear old friends that we hated to see go. We will be identifying spots to plant additional trees throughout 2010.

For more information about the Lafayette Park Conservancy visit www.lafayettepark.org

Dining around the Square Reservations

The progressive dinner schedule for Saturday, May 8 is:

6:00	Appetizers
7:30	Entrees
9:00	Dessert

Please make the following reservations for the Progressive Dinner on Saturday, May 8.

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Cyclone BBC announces 2010 home schedule

By Chris Duggan
Cyclone Base Ball Club

The Lafayette Square Cyclone BBC (Base Ball Club) vintage base ball team has announced its 2010 home schedule. The team, which plays other vintage squads according to the rules and customs of 1860 base ball, plays its home games at Lafayette Park (as do the St. Louis Perfectos, which operate with the Cyclone BBC under the umbrella of the Greater St. Louis Base Ball Historical Society. The Perfectos' schedule was announced in a previous story. Both schedules are posted at www.stlouisperfectos.org.)

All games are free, and audience members — or cranks, as they were called in 1860 — are treated to a game that is equal parts competition and living history with all the sights and sounds of a real historical base ball match. For instance, players wear uniforms true to the period and do not use baseball mitts, which had not yet come into use in 1860.

The season will begin with the Dave Diehl Memorial St. Patrick's Goodwill Game at 11 a.m. March 20, in which members of all five St. Louis vintage base ball teams will divide up into random teams and play against each other. Members of the community are also welcome to participate.

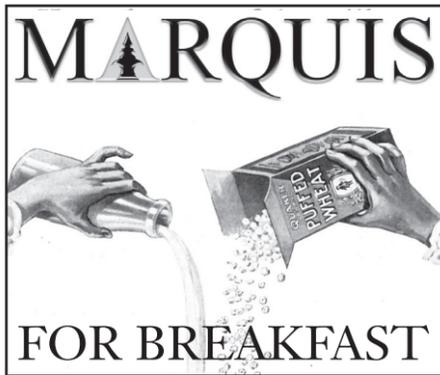
The match memorializes Lafayette Square resident Dave Diehl, who passed away on Oct. 21, 2009. Diehl was an active member of the Lafayette Square Restoration Committee and was an avid fan of vintage base ball.

Other highlights include the Shepard Barclay Vintage Base Ball Festival on June 5 and 6, two days of vintage base ball with teams coming from throughout the region. Past participants have come from as far away as Milwaukee and Cincinnati. Similarly, the one-day Jeremiah Fruin Festival will be held all day on Sept. 11.

The remainder of the Cyclone BBC's home schedule is as follows. Except for the Shepard Barclay and Fruin festivals, or where indicated otherwise, all games will start at 11 a.m.

- April 17 vs. Springfield Long Nines
- June 12 vs. St. Charles Capitols
- July 17 vs. Murphysboro Clarkes
- July 24 vs. Rock Springs Ground Squirrels
- July 25 vs. Vermillion Voles, at noon
- Aug. 7 vs. St. Louis Brown Stockings
- Aug. 14 vs. St. Louis Unions
- Oct. 23 vs. University City Lions

For more information about vintage base ball or the teams of the Greater St. Louis Base Ball Historical Society, visit www.stlouisperfectos.org.



LPUMC ready to welcome spring

By Debra Crowe
Lafayette Park United Methodist Church

If the winter blahs have you itching to get out of the house, mark your calendar for March 13, the date for this year's annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

It's a deal of a meal — corned beef and cabbage, roasted potatoes, green beans, dessert and a beverage for just \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for kids under 12. If you prefer, you may opt for roast beef as your entrée. Serving hours are noon to 7 p.m. Plan now to enjoy the pleasure of a home-cooked meal with your family and/or friends. Dinner is served in Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the church. You may enter from Lafayette Avenue, through the door under the awning; or from the parking lot, through the red door on the west side of the church. If your schedule doesn't allow time to dine in, stop by for carryout. Same great food, at your convenience!

Another annual favorite, the Preschool Trivia Night and Silent Auction, is set for 7 p.m. March 27. On this evening, the gym on the south side of the building (enter from the parking lot on the west side, go up the steps and through the door straight ahead, then through the double doors on the right) will come alive with tables of eight to 10 players vying for the honor of being trivia champs.

The entry fee of \$15 per person grants you participation in both the trivia contest and the silent auction that bene-

fits the cooperative preschool program at LPUMC. Items at auction in past years have included gift certificates for area restaurants; handmade linens and gifts; and services such as beauty and pet care. Spots fill up fast, so if you're interested, call the church office and leave a message for Edna (in the preschool) as soon as possible.

Looking ahead to next month, it's time for the Easter Bunny! The Lafayette Park UMC annual Easter Egg Hunt and Party are scheduled for April 3. Meet at Lafayette Park, at the corner of Lafayette and Missouri, at 10:30 a.m. for the egg hunt. The area will be divided into sections by age group so that all children will have the opportunity to find eggs. After the hunt, you're welcome to come to the church for games, refreshments and a chance to meet Mr. Bunny! All children, along with their families and friends, are invited to attend.

The next day, please join us for Easter Sunday service. Worship times are at 8 a.m. (contemporary, casual) and 10 a.m. (traditional). Fellowship time following the second service offers a relaxed environment in which to visit with neighbors and meet new friends.

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The art of Galina Todorova opens April 3 at Marbles Yoga Studio and Art Gallery.

'Unfolding' opens at Marbles Gallery April 3

Marbles Yoga Studio and Art Gallery exhibits *Unfolding*, featuring paintings and drawings from Bulgaria and the U.S. by Galina Todorova.

A free public opening reception — featuring a visit by the artist and violin music performed by Lyudmilla Kaymakanova and Megan Maddaleno — will be from 7 to 9 p.m. April 3. The exhibit will close with a gallery talk with Todorova at 7 p.m. April 30. This exhibit, dedicated to the Artists' Fellowship "26-5" of Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

Through her art, Todorova makes "connections between time, material and spirit [with] life, love and light, all unfolding at the present moment." Todorova dedicates her paintings to the necessity of a strong connection between the human body and soul. Major inspiration comes from her work with the Artists' Fellowship "26-5" of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Many of her artist-friends accepted Galina's invitation to participate in this show with smaller works presenting an opportunity to bring together two different countries — big and small, young and old — the U.S. and Bulgaria.

Todorova created the main series of eight paintings on unprimed canvases with acrylic paint and hung them as scrolls conveying the idea of Creation unfolding in our beings. The type of scroll, used for display suggests a strong influence from Asian culture in addition to her Christian origin. Her paintings communicate a message of life as a holy experience translated to the language of visual art.

Another reason for the name *Unfolding*:

she kept the unprimed canvases folded in order to save space in the small place where she worked. Todorova's paintings are not completely abstract, although they are done with loose brushstrokes; human figures, trees, planets and birds can be seen in many of the works. For her 11 free-hand paintings, she chose bright colors and expressive brushwork. She uses the universal symbol of a circle in many of the pieces; other figures are the male and female bodies, tree and birds.

She created works especially for this project with gratitude for the protection and support she experiences from the practice of yoga and art. Marbles Yoga Studio and Gallery became one of the many inspirations for this exhibition. Its space and programs bring to life the ancient and contemporary wisdom of Yoga and Art. One of Todorova's main goals for *Unfolding* was to create a pleasant environment and feeling for the people, who explore their bodies' and minds' abilities in the yoga classes at Marbles.

Todorova said she is deeply grateful to all of her artists-friends who accepted the invitation to participate in this show with smaller works and to the U.S. and people of St. Louis, who helped her to find her second home.

The gallery is open prior to scheduled yoga classes or by appointment. Marbles Yoga Studio and Art Gallery is located at 1905 Park Ave., just east of Mississippi, in Lafayette Square. For additional information call 791-6466 or visit www.marblesyoga.com.

February LSRC minutes

MINUTES FOR FEB. 9, 2010 LSRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was held at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church with approximately 75 residents in attendance. President Linda Skinner called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the January 2010 meeting minutes.

Guest speakers

Judge Paula Bryant and Judge Mike Stelzer from the circuit court reviewed the judicial process. Brian Garcia, director of Health and Wellness, spoke about the Downtown YMCA.

Committee reports

Safety — There are four hot zones for problem properties. Contact Don Owens if you need another trash dumpster in your alley. Call the Citizen's Service Bureau if the dumpsters are full. There is a proposal by the city to reduce trash pickup to one day per week. This is pending review by the Board of Alderman.

Capt. Spicer reported that crime is down 20 percent since January. The police do have persons in custody for some of the recent neighborhood incidents. A pending program with the city will allow you to register online to receive text messages regarding crime in your neighborhood. Capt. Spicer reminded everyone to always have a list of serial numbers for all high-theft items (e.g. computers, televisions, etc).

Citizens' Night Patrol — Mike Petetit reported that the crime rate in January was the lowest in two years. Crime is down 50 percent since the night patrol started. You can call the night patrol by calling the Park House and using option 3 if you see suspicious activity they should check out. Always call 911 first. There have been three security training programs including residents from McKinley Heights and the Gate

District. A presentation on the new security cameras will be held at 7 p.m. Feb.17 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church. Demo cameras are being tested in the neighborhood. A motion was made to allocate \$5,000 from the unreserved fund balance to initiate a pilot program for two security cameras including the necessary software. There was a request for additional information regarding defining the ongoing costs and needs of the security program. The motion was seconded and will be voted on in the March general membership meeting by all paid members of the LSRC.

Neighborhood Impact Statements — Neighbor Tony Krawat presented a sample letter to the courts regarding recent crime activity. Standard letters will be available at the general membership meetings.

Citizens' Night Patrol — The motion to increase the safety budget by \$1,200 to cover incremental costs for the Citizens' Night Patrol passed unanimously by paid members of the LSRC.

Finance — There is \$53,645 in the unreserved fund balance. Income is 7 percent over the budget

Membership — The ability to join the LSRC on-line is accessible via the LSRC website. An email will be sent to 2009 members so that they can renew on-line.

Upcoming meetings

The LSRC Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. March 2 in the Park House.

The LSRC general membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 9 at Lafayette Park United Methodist Church.

The Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Park House.

President Linda Skinner adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

The after-meeting social was hosted by Jim and Carolyn Wilmore at 2127 Albion. Many thanks to our hosts!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Jensen, membership secretary

Filling out Census forms will help St. Louis secure federal funding

By Jeanette Mott Oxford
59th District State Representative

On April 1, the nation will be asked to participate in the 2010 Census, one of the most important federal operations of the decade. By filling out and mailing in your Census form, you are ensuring that there is an accurate and complete count of everyone living in the United States. An accurate count helps the federal government determine how \$400 billion dollars in funding is given to states and cities. The data is used to determine how much money St. Louis will receive for things like streets, schools, social service programs and law enforcement grants.

It is estimated that for every person not counted in the Census in the city of St. Louis, we lose an estimated \$1,300 per year. It is clear that we cannot afford to have one single person not counted in the Census. Please fill out and mail in your Census form, and encourage others to do the same!

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes just 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share

an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Here is the timeline for the Census:

- March 15 through 17 – Census forms hit doorsteps. Forms come with postage-paid return envelopes and are addressed only to the particular address and not a particular person.

- March 22 through 24 – Reminder postcards go to homes encouraging people to fill out their forms and mail them back in as soon as possible

- April 1 – Census Day in America.

- May through July – Non-response follow-up. The Census Bureau will send out its employees to visit addresses that have not yet responded. The Census Bureau employees will visit homes up to six times to encourage residents to respond.

- Dec. 31 – The Census report is due on the President's desk.

Here are some important phone numbers for your use:

- For more information about Census Jobs call 1-866-861-2010.

- For TDD assistance with the Census form call 1-866-783-2010. The lines are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST.

- For assistance filling out the form, please call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance center at 1-866-872-6868. (If you prefer a Spanish-speaking operator, dial 1-866-928-2010.)

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In homage to Cabrini's patron saint, the event is called the Flying Nun Run. In the course of her work establishing hospitals, orphanages and schools for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Frances Cabrini traveled thousands of miles around the world. In less than 30 years, she crossed the ocean 30 times and visited eight countries. She worked at an extremely fast pace.

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to be capable of traveling at great speed to participate in the Flying Nun Run. If you're in the mood for competition or just a relaxing run, sign up for the 5K. If you feel like strolling through the park and chatting with a friend, go for the 1-mile walk. All participants will receive a Flying Nun Run T-shirt.

Trophies for the 5K will be awarded to winners in all age groups, and attendance prizes will also be given out.

You can register online by visiting the Cabrini website at www.cabriniacademy.org.

If you have any questions or would like to support the race in some way, please call Kate Fortier at 865-4170.

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